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**Farewell to Manzanar**

**By Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James, D. Houston**

**Historical Memoir**

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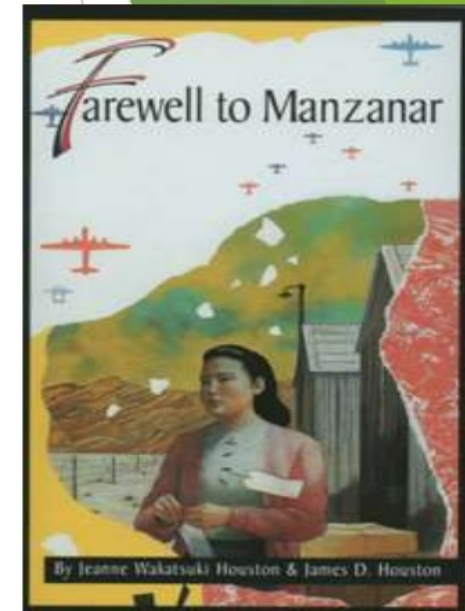
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# Introduction

- ▶ The book is about a true story of the author Jeanne and her family
- ▶ The book demonstrates the reasons that led to Jeanne and her family to live in camp Manzanar
- ▶ The author describes how Manzanar changed her life for three years
- ▶ Hence, the author explains her experiences as a Japanese-American during and after the World War II

*Fig: 1*



# Author's Information

- ▶ Jeanne in 1934 at Inglewood, California, hence, she is a Japanese-American
- ▶ At seven years old, she and her family were captured and transferred into a concentration camp Manzanar
- ▶ This happened during the WWII because they were from a Japanese descent
- ▶ After three years, they were released and they went back to Southern California
- ▶ She attended the University of San Jose where she studied Bachelor of Arts
- ▶ The book is about her experience as a prisoner in a concentration camp at Manzanar during the WWII
- ▶ She shares her psychological, economic and physical effects faced during and after WWII



***Wakastuki Houston***

# Book Analysis

- ▶ The book is about how the Japanese-Americans were treated during the WWII
- ▶ The author, Jeanne experienced injustice and racial discrimination almost all her life
- ▶ It started when she was 7 years old when they were captured and put into a camp called Manzanar
- ▶ This is because they were believed to be Japanese spies who would destroy America
- ▶ They spent 3 years in the camp as prisoners who were mistreated and discriminated against
- ▶ After they were released, she suffered shame because of the racial suffering to her and her family

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- ▶ The story is also about her father who was arrested and detained in North Dakota for nine months
- ▶ After his return home, he became a broken man due to the torture he experienced
- ▶ Jeanne explained negative change in his father Everything in Jeanne's family changes after they were brought to Manzanar
- ▶ Jeanne's father, KO became abusive to his children and wife
- ▶ Everybody depended on the mother for daily needs due to KO's failure
- ▶ Also, due to racial discrimination, their life at the camp was miserable with no privacy

# Book Analysis

- ▶ When the WWII ended, Jeanne thought that things would go back to normal
- ▶ This is so because of the bombing that happened in Hiroshima, and ended the war
- ▶ However, the racism against the Japanese-Americans was same when she returned to society
- ▶ Jeanne decided to join high school where more individuals continued to discriminate against her
- ▶ As she grew older, she had psychological issues about Manzanar (p 167)
- ▶ At the end, she was grateful for the lessons and experiences she had at Manzanar since it changed her worldview and identity

# Conclusion

- ▶ The book emphasizes on racial discrimination during and after WWII against the Japanese-Americans
- ▶ The author does a great job of achieving her thesis about racial discrimination and injustice
- ▶ She also provides the negative effects people go through due to injustice as shown through her KO
- ▶ The author captures the emotions of readers through sharing her hard experiences at the camp
- ▶ Individuals should read this book because it explains how life was for the Japanese-Americans during and after the WWII
- ▶ It also shows how racism and injustice has affected the lives of diverse individuals in America

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